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in the case of temples which have an income of less than Rs. 20,000 they are appointed by the Area Committee. That is the difference.''

Artificial insemination centres in Malabar

* 902 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture may be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to start artificial insemination centres in Malabar; and

(b) if so, where?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' (a) Yes.

'' (b) Kozhikode in Malabar district.''

Encroachment on poramboke lands

* 903 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri P. Jeevanandam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations were made to the Hon. the Chief Minister during his tour in Gudiyattam in the last week of October 1954, that at Kamalapuram influential people are encroaching on poramboke lands, thus depriving the public of the use of cart-tracks and foot-paths; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—'' (a) Yes, Sir.''

'' (b) The encroachments have been booked and action is being taken to evict the encroachers.''

Neiveli Lignite Mines

* 904 Q.—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have received the opinion of the experts from England on the Lignite Mines in Neiveli, and if so, what it is?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' The Report of the Consulting Engineers was considered and on their recommendations it has been decided to undertake further investigations to study the nature of the lignite seams and ground water conditions before deciding on the integrated scheme to be undertaken for the mining, utilization and processing of lignite.''

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Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I know from the Government whether we are still at the stage of eliciting the opinion of foreign experts about the lignite scheme or are we really making any headway in respect of this matter. May I know the truth behind it? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" We have to get all expert opinions that would be necessary before we venture on a big project like this. I would also like to tell the hon. Member that we have got all the expert opinion that should be necessary in this matter and for securing it, we should not make any difference between Indians and foreigners."

National Drama Festival

* 905 *Q.*—Sri S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri P. Jeevanandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government was consulted in regard to the National Drama Festival sponsored by the Union Government;

(*b*) whether the State Government was authorized to select dramas and artistes in regional languages of the State; and

(*c*) if so, the steps taken by the Government to get the cooperation of the artistes and dramatic associations, sabhas and kazhagams in this State?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

House-sites for Harijans in Chingleput

* 906 *Q.*—Sri O. CHENGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the request of the M.L.A. from Chingleput district regarding the grant of house-sites to Harijans in Chingleput district?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" No representation has been received by the Government from any M.L.A. in Chingleput district regarding grant of house-sites to Harijans."

Sri O. CHENGAM PILLAI :—" பல்லூர், சின்னம்பேடு, வடக்க நல்லூர், இடையப்பேடு ஆகிய சேரிகளிலுள்ள ஹரிஜனங்கள் வீடு கட்டிக் கொள்வதற்கு மனை வேண்டுமென்று சர்க்காருக்கு 1947-ம் வருஷத்தி லிருந்து மனு செய்துகொண்டும் நாளதுவரை சர்க்கார் யாதொன்றும் செய்யாமலிருப்பதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன என்பதை மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லமுடியுமா ? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The hon. Member refers to . . ."